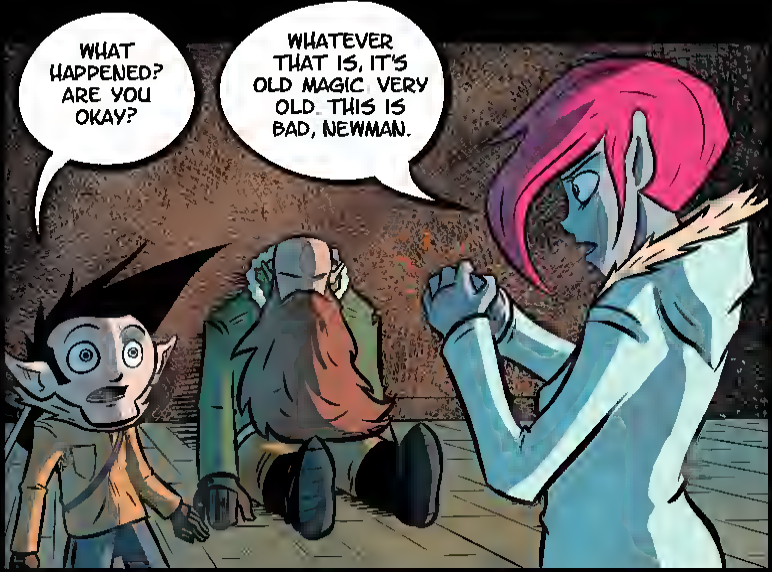
HE CAN'T DO THAT. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS HERE.
IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE, BUT NECESARY LOSS

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO?
MAYBE...


WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?
WHATEVER THAT IS, IT'S OLD MAGIC. VERY OLD. THIS IS BAD, NEWMAN.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

CLING
CLACK!

SO WHAT'S THE ATTACK PLAN?
THE PLAN?
THE PLAN IS TO NUKE THIS PLACE FROM ORBIT WITH ENOUGH MAGIC TO TURN THIS ARCTIC CIRCLE INTO A DESERT.

YEAH... I GUESS..
SNAP

EVERYONE HERE IS SOMEBODIES LOVED ONE. CAN'T YOU SEE THAT? WE HAVE TO TRY!!

SERIOUSLY? YOU BROUGHT ME HERE TO HELP A DWARF? WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE SO—

Newman
BY JOSH ULRICH

SAME AS ALWAYS, GOT IT.

NO. THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY. YOU COULD HELP US!
IF THOSE THINGS ARE HERE, IT MEANS THEYRE HERALDING SOME SORT OF HORRIBLE, ANCIENT, COSMIC DEATH GOD.
AND I DON'T WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT!

THEN HERE'S WHAT WE DO...

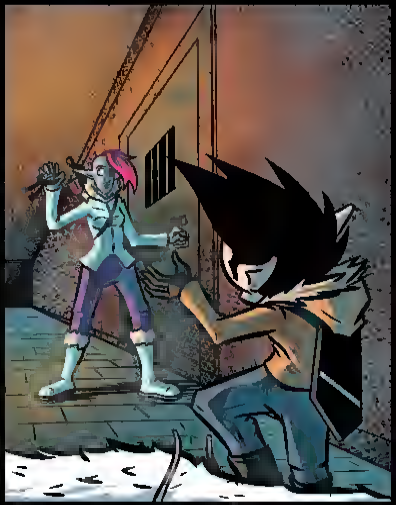
THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, IF WE CAN REMOVE IT'S HEAD, WE CAN KILL IT.
THAT SEEMS REASONABLE.

CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS ON GOOD WILL. I SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST PUSHED FOR SOME GROVELING.
YOU'VE GOT DARIAN FOR THAT.

STILL THOUGH... IS IT SO WRONG TO WANT TO BE WORSHIPED BY EVERYONE?
YES... OF COURSE NOT.
SMECK
SMECK

IF WERE DOING THIS, WERE DOING IT MY WAY. NEWMAN, YOU'LL BE UP FRONT. GWEN, YOU TAKE THE HIGH GROUND AND I'LL CONTROL THE BATTLE FIELD. WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL TO ENGAGE.
I'M NOT CERTAIN WE CAN KILL THIS THING. BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BREAK IT'S CONTROL OVER IT'S VICTIMS. SO YOU CAN GET YOUR PRECIOUS DWARVES TO SAFETY.

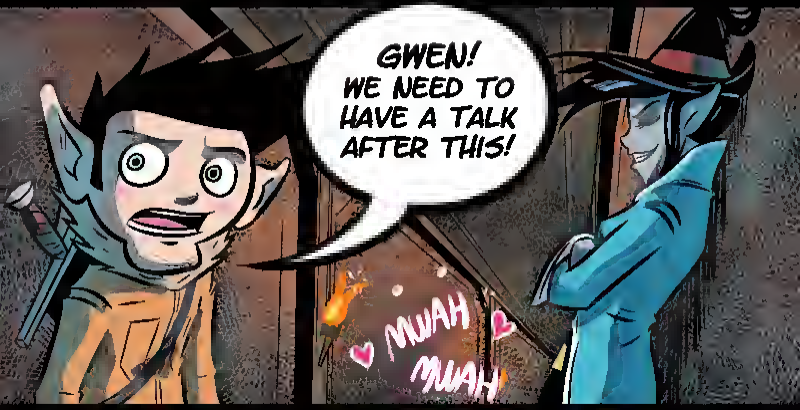
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL.



GRIFF?

AN ANCIENT RACE THAT SHOULDN'T EXIST ANYMORE.

FINE! COME ON THEN!


GWEN!
WE NEED TO
HAVE A TALK
AFTER THIS!
MUAH
MUAH

SNARL!

15 MINUTES LATER

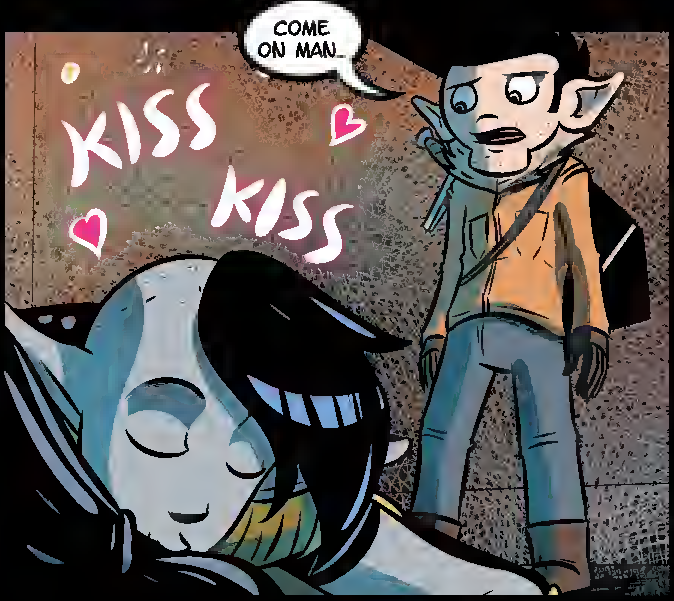
OH KATHRYN, GREAT AND POWERFUL, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL DROW. THANK YOU FOR GRACING US WITH YOUR MAGNIFICENCE. WE ARE UNWORTHY OF YOUR AID.
PLEASE HELP US. YOU ARE THE ANSWER TO ALL LIFE'S TROUBLES.

COME ON KATHRYN WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO GET YOU TO HELP US.
LISTEN THE TWO OF YOU COULDN'T KISS MY BOOTS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME STAY HERE AND DONT GET ME WRONG I WOULD ENJOY THAT, WELCOME IT EVEN WE CAN DO IT NEXT WEEK. ILL PENCIL IT IN.

DON'T JUDGE. GWEN TELLS ME EVERYTHING.

IT'S SOME SORT OF SPELL. I'M NOT SURE.

THAT IS SO TRUE.


COME ON MAN..
KISS
KISS

POOF!

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR GETTING PAST THE GUARD?

WHAT DID THIS TO HIM?
WERE NOT SURE. PROBABLY THAT SQUID FACED THING.
SHOW ME.

GRIFF, WAKE UP, WE'RE GETTING YOU--

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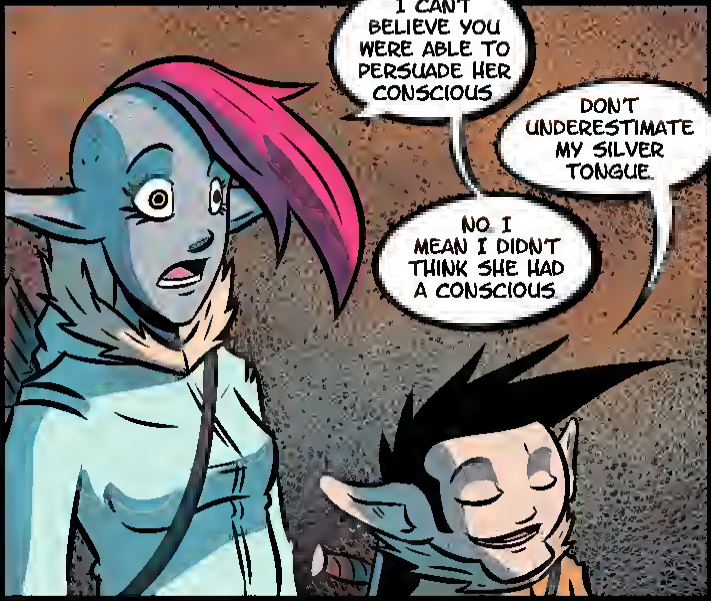
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE ABLE TO PERSUADE HER CONSCIOUS
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY SILVER TONGUE.
NO. I MEAN I DIDN'T THINK SHE HAD A CONSCIOUS

WHAT ARE IT'S WEAK POINTS?
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT'S PHYSIOLOGY. JUST PICK SOMETHING THAT LOOKS IMPORTANT AND ATTACK IT.

POOF

SLICE!

WHAT DO WE DO?
SIGH

AUGH!
ZOT!

ZIP

BUT I AM NOT GETTING MY BRAIN VAPORIZED IN THIS FROZEN HELL HOLE!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!?

WHAT IF DARIAN WAS TRAPPED IN HERE? WOULD YOU STILL WANT TO JUST OBLITERATE THIS PLACE?